सभी संबंधित विभागों को इनका दुरुपयोग रोकने की दृष्टि से इस संबंध में सूचित कर दिया गया है। अनुसूचित जाति के प्रमाण-पत्रों के खाली फार्म आंध एस०डी०एम० रैंक के अधिकारी की व्यक्तिगत निगरानी में रखे गये हैं। कर्मचारियों को बदल दिया गया है।

Kandla Free Trade Zone

811. SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the import/export figures for the last three years and so far for the current year pertaining to the Kandla Free Trade Zone; and

(b) the exports in terms of money to the USSR during this period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) and (b) The details of imports and exports for the last three years and the current year relating to the Kandla Free Trade Zone and of exports made from the zone to the USSR are as follows:

Year	Imports (Capital goods and raw materials)	Exports to SSR (Figures in Rs. lakhs)	
1985-86	14109.52	23685.68	22043.15
1986-87	15037.34	23626.68	21287.12
1987-88	10423.52	18503.15	15274.40
1988-89 (upto 30-6-1988)	4465.79	7159.59	6035.36

Sickness Insurance Scheme for Small Scale Units

812. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry have suggested that a sickness Insurance Scheme should be formulated and introduced by the Reserve Bank to safeguard the interests of small scale units as well as that of the financial institutions and other concerned parties;

(b) whether the FICCI has made the suggestion after having extensive survey relating to the causes of sickness;

(c) whether the Central Government have also examined the suggestion; and

(d) to what extent the suggestion made for revamping small scale sector has been agreed to by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EXPENDITURE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI B. K. GADHVI): (a) It has been brought to notice that Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry has produced a Survey regarding sickness in Small Scale Industry. A suggestion has been made therein that a Sickness Insurance Scheme may be formulated and introduced by the Reserve Bank of India to safeguard the interests of small Units as well as those of financial institutions and other concerned parties.

(b) The survey has been reportedly made after obtaining information

from Small Industry Associations including Chambers of Commerce.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Establishment of a Trade Fair Exhibition Centre at Bombay

813. SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a great demand and potential for establishing a permanent Trade Fair Exhibition Centre at Bombay; and

(b) if so, what steps Government propose to take in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) and (b) A suggestion has been made that a permanent Trade Fair Exhibition Centre may be established at Bombay. Besides techno-ecnomic considerations, the proposal involves aspects such as participation by the State Government. Central Government and other agencies. It is not possible to indicate, at this stage, the course of action.

"Abolition of Import Duty on Timber"

814. SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that various State Governments have urged the Central Government to abolish import duty on timber so that India's forests can be preserved;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what steps are being taken to abolish the import duty on timber so as to encourage the import of timber and to preserve the forests?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) and (b) No representation has been received from State Governments to abolish import duty on timber.

(c) The basic Customs duty on wood has been reduced in the year 1985 from 60 per cent to 10 per cent in order to encourage import of timber and to preserve the forests.

Pollution Caused by Fertilizer and Iron Ore Plants at Mangalore

815. SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that the Chemical and Fertilizer plant as also the Kudremukh Iron Ore Plant situated at Mangalore in Karnataka are causing air and water pollution; and

(b) if so what steps are being taken to reduce the pollution level?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) and (b) These plants have air and water pollution potential. The plants have installed air pollution control equipment to control emission of air pollutants. They have also taken necessary water pollution control measures as per direction of the Karnataka State Polllution Control Board.

Income Tax Arrears of R.S.S.

816. SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question No. 1556 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 10th May, 1988 and state:

(a) what is the amount of income-tax arrears pending against the Rashtriya Swayam Sevak Sangh (RSS), yearwise; and